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 For: COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR *IN VIVO* AND *IN VITRO* ATTENUATION OF
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NOTICE OF APPEALTO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated August 19, 2009, of the Primary Examiner rejecting claims 75, 76, 78, 79, 82, 83 and 85-120, of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.113 and 1.191.

This is a reinstatement of an appeal after prosecution was reopened. An appeal fee (\$250) was paid by the Applicant with the Notice of Appeal filed June 21, 2007. Thus, per 37 C.F.R. §1204.01, the previously paid appeal fee is to be applied to the new appeal. The new appeal fee is \$540. Therefore, Applicants authorize the amount of \$290. (*the difference between the appeal fee already paid and the new appeal fee*), to be charged to PTO Deposit Account No. 13-4895 to cover the Notice of Appeal fee.

A two-month extension of time to respond to the final rejection is requested. Please charge PTO Deposit Account No. 13-4895 in the amount of \$490 to cover the required fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit any over-payment to PTO Deposit Account No. 13-4895.

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